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6. On 29 October 1954, some of the soldiers of the unit which was stationed at Oranienburg Castle were allegedly still absent for harvest. Trucks were housed in five large storage sheds at the rear of the castle. From 19 to 29 October, 4 or 5 groups of 20 men each who wore epauletts with the letter "A" marched toward Tiergartensiedlung Kuhbruecke every morning. From 200 to 300 KVPs were observed at drill or physical training on the athletic field at the rear of the castle every morning. 5

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1. Comment. The installation mentioned in the present report is the platoon leaders' and company commanders' school. Prior to late October, rumors of an impending move which circulated among the trainees remained unconfirmed. It is believed that the school will stay in Dessau for an undetermined period.

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2. Comment. Possibly members of the border police are also detached to this engineer school since activation of engineer platoons has commenced at some border alert units.

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3. Comment. It is known that at the end of the training year, inspections have also been held at schools. The firing practice with mortars has probably been part of the inspection to which the infantry school in Naumburg has been subjected.

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4. Comment. The motor transport officer school is located in this installation. The number of about 200 officer trainees agrees with the number reported in July 1954.

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5. Comment. The actual strength of the AAA officer school is apparently about 400 men, while in August the school had 500 men. The men of the one training course have possibly been reassigned to field units after the completion of their third year of service. Harvest crews are possibly still absent also.

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